



# SYNOPSIS

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2013 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 21, 2013  
Schedule 7**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 22 – Bill request deadline.  
February 8 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 7.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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### **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 21, 2013**

#### **HB 176 Delegate Krebs, et al**

##### **TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND PROTECTION ACT**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation with a specified exception; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State; requiring that specified taxes, fees, charges, and revenues be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund; etc.

##### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

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**HB 177 Delegate Gutierrez, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – THE WRITER’S CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Writer’s Center, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of The Writer’s Center, located in Bethesda; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 178 Delegates Glenn and Haddaway–Riccio****CRIMINAL LAW – DANGEROUS DOGS – REGISTRATION AND PENALTIES**

Requiring the owner of a dangerous dog to obtain a dangerous dog registration certificate from a local animal control unit within 10 days of a dog committing an act which renders it a dangerous dog; requiring the owner to pay a registration fee set by the animal control unit; requiring a dangerous dog registration certificate to include specified information; requiring a local animal control unit to issue a dangerous dog registration certificate if the dog’s owner provides specified satisfactory evidence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 10-619 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 179 Delegate Hubbard, et al****PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS – EXPANDED AUTHORITY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the authority of pharmacists to administer vaccinations; authorizing a pharmacist to administer vaccinations to an individual in a specified age group who has a prescription or to an adult under a written protocol that meets specified requirements; altering a vaccination reporting requirement; requiring a pharmacist to inform specified health care practitioners that a vaccination has been administered; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HO, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 180     Delegate Glenn, et al****MEDICAL MARIJUANA – CAREGIVER – AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Establishing that it is an affirmative defense to a prosecution for the possession of marijuana or the possession of specified drug paraphernalia that the marijuana or drug paraphernalia was intended for medical use by an individual with a specified debilitating medical condition for whom the defendant is a specified caregiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

CR, §§ 5-601(c)(3) and 5-619(c)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 181     Delegate Ready, et al****CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION**

Reducing the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 4% of Maryland taxable income of up to \$1,500,000 and to 7.25% in excess of \$1,500,000 for taxable years after 2012.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 182     Delegate Kramer****BUSINESS REGULATION – OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS  
WHOLESALEERS – LICENSE FEE EXCEPTION FOR CIGARETTE  
SUBWHOLESALEERS**

Exempting a person who is licensed under a specified provision of law to act as a cigarette subwholesaler from the requirement that an applicant for a license to act as an other tobacco products wholesaler pay a specified license fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BR, § 16.5-203(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 183 Delegate K. Kelly, et al****CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION – CORRECTIONAL OFFICER MEMBERS**

Requiring that specified members of the Correctional Training Commission be correctional officers only, rather than correctional officers or officials of the State; and requiring that specified members of the Commission be recommended by the exclusive representative for the correctional officers before appointment by the Governor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CS, § 8-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 184 Delegate Lafferty, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING**

Allowing an individual or corporation a \$1 credit against the State income tax for each bushel of oyster shells recycled during the taxable year; providing that the credit may not exceed \$750 during a taxable year; requiring the Department of Natural Resources and the Comptroller jointly to adopt regulations to authorize businesses, landfills, and nonprofit organizations to verify the amount of oyster shells recycled by each individual or corporation; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-724.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 185 Delegate Cardin, et al****STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND COST SAVINGS ACT OF 2013**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to establish a wellness pilot project in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; requiring the wellness pilot project to achieve savings through participation in qualified programs by State employees and their dependents; establishing the dates on which the wellness pilot project begins and ends; requiring participation in the wellness pilot project to be voluntary; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SP, § 2-503.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Health and Government Operations

**HB 186 Delegate McDermott****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – FEES FOR TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS – LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY FUND**

Establishing the Law Enforcement Training and Technology Fund; adding a \$5 additional fee to the costs of traffic and criminal case convictions; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the additional fees collected into the Fund; establishing the purpose, administration, status, and composition of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to distribute money from the Fund to local law enforcement agencies annually in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, §§ 7-301 and 7-409 - amended and PS, §§ 4-401 through 4-404 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 187 Delegate W. Miller****CONSUMER PROTECTION – HEALTH CLUBS – SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS**

Altering a specified cap on the amount of a surety bond, letter of credit, or cash that persons who sell health club services agreements must file or maintain under the Maryland Health Club Services Act; establishing requirements for specified surety bonds; altering the circumstances under which the amount of specified surety bonds must be increased or may be decreased; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CL, § 14-12B-02(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 188 Delegate McDermott, et al****RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS – DISASTER PREPARATION – GENERATOR TAX CREDIT**

Requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit not exceeding \$7,000 for generators or wiring and transfer switches at retail service stations; establishing when the tax credit may be granted; defining terms; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

TP, § 9-110 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 189 Delegate Feldman****COURTS – PEACE ORDERS – ACTS COMMITTED AGAINST EMPLOYEES**

Altering the definition of “petitioner” under provisions of law relating to peace orders; authorizing a petitioner to file a petition for a peace order for specified acts against the petitioner’s employee; authorizing a court to issue a peace order to protect a petitioner’s employee under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, §§ 3-1501 through 3-1505 - amended and § 3-1511 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 190 Delegate Mitchell, et al****DISTRICT COURT ELECTRONIC CITATION FUND AND FEE**

Increasing court costs in District Court traffic and criminal cases from \$22.50 to \$27.50; requiring the Comptroller to pay annually from court costs in District Court traffic and criminal cases \$3 per case into the District Court Electronic Citation Fund; requiring the Comptroller to pay from court costs in District Court traffic and criminal cases \$2 per case to the arresting law enforcement agency for a specified purpose; establishing the District Court Electronic Citation Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, § 7-301 (a), (b), and (e) - amended and CP, § 4-110 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 191 Delegate Mitchell, et al****PROCUREMENT – MARYLAND BUY AMERICAN STEEL AND MANUFACTURED GOODS ACT**

Altering the Maryland Buy American Steel Act to include American manufactured goods; requiring a public body to require that contractors and subcontractors use or supply only American manufactured goods for procurements, as specified; defining a term; requiring a public body to give a specified notice; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations regarding the granting of a preference for the use of American manufactured goods; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SF, §§ 17-301, 17-303, 17-304, and 17-306 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 192 Delegate Mitchell, et al****COURTS – SERVICE OF PROCESS – INCREASE IN SHERIFF’S FEES – DISTRIBUTION TO RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM FUND**

Increasing fees for service of process of papers by a sheriff; requiring that \$10 of the fees be distributed to a fund established for the Rental Allowance Program of the Department of Housing and Community Development; establishing the Rental Allowance Program Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; providing that the money in the Fund may be used only for specified purposes; adding the Fund to the list of funds the interest earnings of which are exempt from accruing to the General Fund of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, § 7-402, HS, § 4-1401, and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)69. and 70. - amended and HS, § 4-1407 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)71. - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 193 Delegate Frush, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE MATH AND IT ACADEMY GYMNASIUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Math and IT Academy, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a gymnasium for the Chesapeake Math and IT Academy, located in Laurel; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 194 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – SCHOOL FACILITIES – FUNDING**

Authorizing specified bonds, notes, or other obligations used for specified purposes in connection with specified school facilities in Baltimore City to be payable from revenues and receipts from a specified beverage container tax, from the proceeds, participation rent, and other fees payable by specified video lottery facilities, or from specified other revenues; authorizing specified revenues and receipts to be irrevocably pledged in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (50)(f) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 195 Delegate Cardin, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY HEALTH CARE PENSIONS – HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE**

Providing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for 50% of military retirement income of an individual whose federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$65,000 and who commits to living and working in the State for a specified period and working in a health care field identified as having a health care workforce shortage; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 196 Delegate Cardin, et al****ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS – VOTING BY MAIL**

Authorizing the Governor, a county council, or a board of county commissioners to direct that voting by mail be utilized in specified special elections; specifying the application of provisions of law to a special election conducted by mail; requiring a local board of elections to mail a vote-by-mail ballot to each registered voter who is eligible to vote in a special election conducted by mail unless the voter has requested that the ballot be transmitted by other means; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

EL, §§ 9-601 through 9-606 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 197 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****CRIMINAL LAW – ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER CONTROL LAW – PENALTIES**

Requiring a court to notify a person who is convicted of a specified litter disposal offense that the person's driver's license may be suspended; requiring a court to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of a specified violation involving litter disposal; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts, in conjunction with the Administration, to establish specified procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 10-110(f) and TR, § 26-305(a) - amended and TR, § 16-206.2 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters



**HB 198 Delegate Cardin, et al****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – ELECTRONIC TOLL VIOLATIONS – REPORTING**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to submit a report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1 of each year concerning electronic toll violations; requiring that the report include specified information; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TR, § 21-1414(g) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 199 Delegate Hershey, et al****QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Creating in Queen Anne’s County a beer, wine and liquor tasting license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of individual servings; specifying that the license may be issued for tasting purposes only; and establishing a \$100 license fee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 8-410.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 200 Delegate Simmons, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT – STRANGULATION**

Prohibiting a person from committing an assault by applying pressure on the throat or neck of another person with the intent to impede the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of the other person; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of the felony of assault in the first degree and on conviction is subject to a specified penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 3-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 201 Delegate Hershey, et al****QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT –  
COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Decreasing from 25 to 12 the number of new employees that a business must employ in order to qualify for a property tax credit against the Queen Anne's County property tax imposed on businesses that make specified real property improvements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

TP, § 9-319(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 202 Delegate Stukes, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY –  
TRANSIT VEHICLES**

Imposing a 30-day mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on a person who is convicted of malicious destruction of property for damage done to a specified transit vehicle; providing that the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment may not be suspended; and requiring that a person who is convicted of malicious destruction of property for damage done to a specified transit vehicle be ordered to pay restitution.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 6-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 203 Delegate Stukes, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ARTS, BUSINESS, AND CULTURAL  
DISTRICT – PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE CORRIDOR IN BALTIMORE  
CITY**

Requiring the Secretary of Business and Economic Development to designate an arts, business, and cultural district in a specified area of Baltimore City; providing for the purpose of the arts, business, and cultural district; and authorizing specified tax credits for qualifying individuals located or working within the arts, business, and cultural district.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EC, §§ 4-901 through 4-904 - added and TG, § 4-104(e) and TP, § 9-240 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 204 Delegate Stukes, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – CHARITABLE GAMING EVENTS – FOR-PROFIT AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Authorizing in Baltimore City a for-profit organization to hold a charitable gaming event with a specified nonprofit organization under specified conditions; authorizing a charitable gaming event to include card games, dice games, and roulette; requiring that a for-profit organization and nonprofit organization be issued a permit before conducting a charitable event; allowing permit holders to pay for specified goods and services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 13-505.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 205 Delegate Cardin, et al****TAX OVERPAYMENT – INTEREST ON REFUNDS**

Altering the day on which interest begins to accrue on specified taxpayer refunds from the 45th day after a refund claim is filed to the date the overpayment is made; allowing interest to accrue on a taxpayer refund from the 45th day after the claim is filed if the claim for a refund is based on an error or mistake of the claimant not attributable to the State; repealing a specified prohibition on a tax collector paying interest on specified refunds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 13-603 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 206 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Acupuncture Board, the State Board of Dietetic Practice, and the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a specified date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

HO, §§ 1A-502, 5-101(i), 5-202(b), 5-302(d), 5-305, 5-502, and 10-502 and SG, § 8-403(b)(1), (16), and (43) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 207     Delegate Luedtke, et al****EDUCATION – CHRONICALLY ABSENT STUDENTS**

Requiring county boards of education to develop a system of intervention for chronically absent students.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ED, § 7-302.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 208     Delegate Cardin****INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS**

Altering the calculation of the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds to 2 percentage points above a specified underpayment rate established under the Internal Revenue Code; providing that the interest rate may not be less than specified rates for 2014 through 2017; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller annually set the interest rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

TG, § 13-604 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 209     The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Public Accountancy in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2024; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report on or before October 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

BOP, § 2-702 and SG, § 8-403(b)(57) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 210     The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****STATE BOARD OF FORESTERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Foresters in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a specified date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a specified date.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BOP, § 7-602 and SG, § 8-403(b)(24) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 211     Delegate Vitale, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Altering a provision of law so as to prohibit a person with a specified mental disorder from possessing a regulated firearm if the mental disorder impairs the mental or emotional functioning of the person in a specified manner, instead of if the person has a specified history of violent behavior; prohibiting the Secretary of State Police from issuing a handgun permit to a specified person unless a specified ground for exemption applies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PS, §§ 5-133 and 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 212     Delegate Hershey, et al****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – BEER AND WINE FESTIVALS**

Authorizing the Queen Anne’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue a specified number of Beer and Wine Festival (BWF) licenses in the county each year; authorizing the Board to select a specified number of weekends each year for a specified festival; and requiring the Board to choose a specified location for a specified festival and to ensure that the primary focus of a specified festival is the promotion of Maryland beer and wine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 8-311 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 213 Delegate Hershey, et al****QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – INSPECTORS**

Repealing a requirement that the alcoholic beverages inspector appointed by the Board of License Commissioners of Queen Anne's County be a full-time inspector.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 15-112(s) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 214 Delegate Hershey, et al****QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person in Queen Anne's County to hunt deer on specified Sundays on private property using specified hunting equipment during specified months.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 215 Delegate Cane****NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE – NUMBER OF OFFICERS**

Stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Natural Resources Police Force employ at least 435 Natural Resources police officers by fiscal year 2023; authorizing under specified circumstances, beginning in fiscal year 2015 and continuing each subsequent year, the Natural Resources Police Force to increase the number of cadets and recruits enrolling in the Maryland Natural Resources Police Academy until a specified goal is met; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

NR, § 1-201.2 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 216 Delegate Hershey, et al****QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO-BREWERY LICENSES**

Adding Queen Anne's County to the list of counties in which a Class 7 micro-brewery license may be issued; and adding the county to the list of counties in which the beer brewed by the license holder for consumption off the licensed premises may be sold in refillable containers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 2-208 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 217 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****EARLY VOTING ACCESS ACT OF 2013**

Increasing the number of early voting centers that are required to be established in each county for a regularly scheduled general election; authorizing the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to increase the number of early voting centers in each county for a regularly scheduled primary election; and requiring that early voting centers be open for specified days and hours before regularly scheduled primary and general elections.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

EL, § 10-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 218 Delegate George****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – PERFORMANCE OF X-RAY DUTIES**

Providing for the circumstances under which a licensed physician assistant may perform nonfluoroscopic X-ray procedures using a mini C-arm or similar low-level radiation machine; and requiring a primary supervising physician to obtain specified approval from the Board of Physicians.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HO, §§ 14-306(e) and 15-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 219 Delegate Parrott****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – NO-KNOCK SEARCH WARRANTS – PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF COUNTY**

Prohibiting a specified law enforcement officer from executing a search warrant without giving notice of the officer's authority or purpose unless the chief of the primary law enforcement agency of the applicable county is notified before the execution of the warrant or there is a written agreement between the county and a specified agency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CP, § 1-203(a) - amended and § 1-203(f) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 220 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****VOTERS' RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2013**

Prohibiting a person from willfully and knowingly influencing or attempting to influence a voter's voting decision through the use of fraud; authorizing the Attorney General to institute an action in a circuit court for injunctive relief to prohibit a person from engaging in or continuing to engage in specified violations of election law; providing that injunctive relief may be granted under the Act only to prevent specified violations of election law from affecting a pending election; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

EL, § 16-201 - amended and § 16-1003 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 221 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS – PROHIBITED ACTIONS**

Prohibiting a person from willfully and knowingly obtaining or attempting to obtain a signature on a petition by threat, menace, or intimidation; and prohibiting a person from willfully and knowingly preventing, hindering, or delaying a person who has a lawful right to sign a petition from signing a petition through the use of fraud, duress, force, threat, menace, or intimidation.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

EL, § 16-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 222 Delegates Rosenberg and Lafferty**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

Requiring a member of the General Assembly who is required under the Maryland Public Ethics Law to disclose publicly specified information to disclose the same information to a governmental entity in the State if the legislator engages in business-related communication with an official or employee of the governmental entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 15-513(c) and (d) - amended and § 15-513(c) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters